

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be forwarded on to issuance.

5 The claims that are presented in this application correspond to claims that were previously rejected in the parent application. In the parent application, these claims were rejected under §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,254,230 to Wen. Applicant noted in the prosecution of the parent application that Wen neither disclosed nor suggested a system that utilizes first and second
10 recording mechanisms that are of different types.

 The Office disagreed with Applicant's arguments and continued to reject claims which, in Applicant's opinion, clearly distinguished over Wen. The Office essentially argued that Wen's recording mechanisms can have the same structure, but can deliver different fluids. By virtue of delivering different
15 fluids from structurally identical recording mechanisms, the Office argued that such would constitute different types of heads.

 Applicant continues to disagree with this interpretation. Nonetheless, and in a sincere effort to advance prosecution of this application, Applicant presents the following claims.

20 **Claim 1** recites a printer device comprising:

- a first recording mechanism of a *first structural type*, operable to deliver a first recording material to a recording medium according to a first manner of delivery; and
- 25 • a second recording mechanism of a *second structural type different from the first structural type*, operable to deliver a second recording material to said recording medium according to a second manner of delivery,
30 wherein said second manner of delivery of said second recording material from said second recording mechanism is substantially

different than said first manner of delivery of said first recording material from said first recording mechanism.

5 Wen neither discloses or suggests any such printer device. Accordingly, this claim is allowable.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited features which, in combination with those recited in claim 1, are neither disclosed nor suggested in the references of record, either singly or in
10 combination with one another.

Claim 6 recites a method for printing onto a recording medium comprising:

- 15 • applying a first recording material onto said recording medium with a ***first structural type*** of recording mechanism; and
- applying a second recording material onto said recording medium with a ***second different structural type*** of recording mechanism,
- 20 • wherein a manner of applying said first recording material substantially differs from said manner of applying said second recording material.

 Wen neither discloses or suggests any such method. Accordingly, this claim is allowable.

Claims 7-10 depend from claim 6 and are allowable as depending from
25 an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited features which, in combination with those recited in claim 6, are neither disclosed nor suggested in the references of record, either singly or in combination with one another.

Claim 11 recites a printer device comprising:

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one or more first recording mechanism of a *first structural type*,
the one or more first recording mechanism being configured to
deliver recording material to a recording medium; and
at least one or more second recording mechanism of a *second*
structural type operably associated with the one or more first
recording mechanism, *the second structural type being different*
in type from the first structural type, the one or more second
recording mechanism being configured to deliver recording
material to the recording medium.

Wen neither discloses or suggests any such printer device. Accordingly,
this claim is allowable.

Claims 12-14 depend from claim 11 and are allowable as depending
from an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own
recited features which, in combination with those recited in claim 11, are
neither disclosed nor suggested in the references of record, either singly or in
combination with one another.

Claim 15 recites a printer device comprising:

- one or more first recording mechanism of a *first structural type*,
the one or more first recording mechanism being configured to
deliver a first type of recording material to a recording medium;
and
- at least one or more second recording mechanism of a *second*
structural type operably associated with the one or more first
recording mechanism, *the second structural type being different*
in type from the first structural type, the one or more second
recording mechanism being configured to deliver a second type of
recording material to the recording medium, the second type of
recording material being different from the first type of recording
material.

Wen neither discloses or suggests any such printer device. Accordingly,
this claim is allowable.

Claims 16-18 depend from claim 15 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited features which, in combination with those recited in claim 15, are neither disclosed nor suggested in the references of record, either singly or in
5 combination with one another.

Claim 19 recites a printer device comprising a combination of *different structural types* of recording mechanisms.

Wen neither discloses or suggests any such printer device. Accordingly, this claim is allowable.

10 Claims 20-27 depend from claim 19 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited features which, in combination with those recited in claim 19, are neither disclosed nor suggested in the references of record, either singly or in combination with one another.

15 Claim 28 recites a method comprising:

- using a printer, applying a recording material onto a recording medium using *a first structural type* of recording mechanism; and
- 20 • using the printer, applying a recording material onto said recording medium using *a second different structural type* of recording mechanism.

Wen neither discloses or suggests any such method. Accordingly, this claim is allowable.

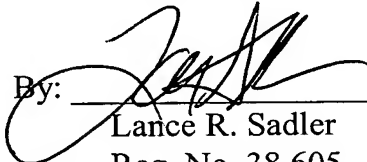
25 Claims 29-30 depend from claim 28 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim. These claims are also allowable for their own recited features which, in combination with those recited in claim 28, are neither disclosed nor suggested in the references of record, either singly or in combination with one another.

Conclusion

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call, at the number listed above, for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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